

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-7

Building Date: 1890's, 1919, ca. 1930

Building Name: Lanham House

Location: 8901 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland

Private/Office/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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and/or common

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state Maryland county Prince George's

**3. Classification**

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<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: office

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lexres Ltd.

street & number 8901 Annapolis Road telephone no.:

city, town Lanham state and zip code Md. 20706

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3712

street & number Main Street folio 948

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey record: History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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At the opposite (south) end of the building, a similar but less elaborate pediment fills the gable end, with a louvered lunette window. (When the additional bay's length was added to the main block in 1969 (F), this lunette and cornice were relocated and reused.) There is an entrance in the central bay of this three-bay south gable end, through a door with four-pane sidelights. A one-bay one-story pedimented entry porch with Tuscan columns shelters this doorway.

On the long east and west facades of the main block there is a pedimented cross gable centered above the original three-bay section. Within these two pediments are five-section lunettes.

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The main block rests on a brick foundation. Siding is of wide horizontal board, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle. There are two corbelled brick chimneys, one in each of the east and west planes of the roof between second and third bays of the original block. There is a basement under the north section of the building, but construction details are not visible.

After the north portico was constructed, a smaller one-and-one-half-story gable roofed building (C) was constructed east of and parallel to the main block, and connected to the main block by a narrow five-bay-long one-story perpendicular connecting wing (D). In the north and south gable ends of Section C, and the north and south central bays of D., as well as the third (northmost) bay of the east facade of B, there are openings with special architrave treatment. Each of these five openings consists of a pair of ten-pane doors flanked by molded pilasters and surmounted by an entablature with solid arched fan pediment. When two bays length (E) was added to the south of Section C, this ornamental pilastered (arched) opening was trimmed and relocated at the new south gable end. Within the pedimented north and south gable ends of Section C are six-pane lunette windows.

The one-story connecting wing (D) is one-room deep. Its north and south facades are fully glazed, consisting of double eight-pane windows on each side of the central pilastered/arched opening.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1890's, 1920, 1930's Builder/Architect (A. Birch Fitzsimons)

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

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This simple I-house was expanded in several stages. First, around the turn of this century, the one-story east wing or "pump room" (visible in an 1896 photo) was extended the full length of the house, and raised to two full stories, adding a dining room to the south, and two bedrooms above. A new transverse staircase was added to give access to this new section; the original east exterior wall of the house became the west wall of this new staircase. This expanded easterly section is labeled (B) in the plan.

Trueman and Emma Lanham died in 1916 and 1919 respectively, and the property was sold out of their estate to their son, Paul Lanham. In 1920, the younger Lanham began the second and major renovation of the house, designed by his friend, architect A. Birch Fitzsimons. A monumental Classical two-story portico (with ready made columns and entablature from the Hechinger Company) was constructed across the north gable end, thus reorienting the house to face north toward Defense Highway. Classical interior mantel and panellings were installed in the westerly parlor, and the original west entrance was converted into a window. The result was a large and handsome Classical Revival mansion. At the same time, the first story window in the south gable end was converted into a door, which led south into a new one-story pantry or "brick room".<sup>2</sup>

Further additions were constructed in the 1930's. A fully-glazed game room (D) was built at right angles to the house; it extended eastward to a

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small 1 1/2 story gable-roof wing (C). These sections were highlighted by pre-milled entrance treatment, with pilasters and decorative entablature. The wing served as a reception/family room, and had a garage beneath it, partially below grade and accessible from the east.<sup>3</sup>

After the death of Paul Lanham in 1961, his widow sold this complex dwelling (1969) to a law firm<sup>4</sup>, which contracted with architect Robert Puskar to expand and remodel the building to serve as a law office. This was done by adding one bay's length to the south of the main block (F), and relocating and reusing the fanlight, trim and cornice in the new south gable end; a small pedimented entry porch was built on this south gable end. The easterly section was also increased in length by two bays (E), incorporated the old "brick room"; again the entrance pilasters and entablature were relocated and trimmed for reuse at the new south gable end. Spaces in the main block and connecting section were remodeled into offices, while most of the easterly section was converted into a law library.<sup>5</sup> The result is a striking and unusual metamorphosis of a simple vernacular dwelling.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Land records JWB #20:764; JWB #21:429; JWB #23:358.

2 Prince George's County Will GPH #1:754; Estate files #2773 and #3084; conversation with Paul Lanham, Jr., April 1985, and February 1987.

3 Lanham Centennial Souvenir Book, 1972; conversation with Paul Lanham, Jr., April 1985, and February 1987.

4 Prince George's County Land Records #3712:948.

5 Drawings of architect Robert Puskar, Suitland, Maryland, 1969.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8

## 10. Geographical Data

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Tax Map #44, Lot 4 4770

Quadrangle name Lanham, Section A

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlain by county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date August 1985

street & number c/o County Planning

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
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Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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After the north portico was constructed, a smaller one-and-one-half-story gable roofed building (B) was constructed east of and parallel to the main block, and connected to the main block by a narrow five-bay-long one-story perpendicular connecting wing (C). In the north and south gable ends of Section B, and the north and south central bays of C, as well as the third (northmost) bay of the east facade of B, there are openings with special architrave treatment. Each of these five openings consists of a pair of ten-pane doors flanked by molded pilasters and surmounted by an entablature with solid arched fan pediment. When two bays length was added to the south of Section B, this ornamental pilastered/arched opening was trimmed and relocated at the new south gable end. Within the pedimented north and south gable ends of Section B are six-pane lunette windows.

The one-story connecting wing (C) is one-room deep. Its north and south facades are fully glazed, consisting of double eight-pane windows on each side of the central pilastered/arched opening.

Like the main block, the two wings rest on brick foundations which enclose a basement space. They are sided with wide horizontal board, and the roofs are covered with asphalt shingle.

#8. Continued

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records JWB #20:764; JWB #21:429; JWB #23:358.
- 2 Prince George's County Will GPH #1:754; Estate files #2773 and #3084; conversation with Paul Lanham, Jr., April 1985.
- 3 Lanham Centennial Souvenir Book, 1972; Conversation with Paul Lanham, Jr., April 1985.
- 4 Prince George's County Land Records #3712:948.
- 5 Drawings of architect Robert Puskar, Suitland, Maryland, 1969.

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<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Lanham Mansion					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8901 Lanham Station Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Lanham					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Hoyert Diemer, Yoho, Hooten & McBride Law Offices					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8901 Lanham Station Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Lanham			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: M-NCPPC					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		



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<p>The house is a two story, frame structure with a prostyle tetrastyle portico on the main (northwest) facade. It is sheathed in clapboards. The windows are multi-paned, double-hung sash.</p> <p>The building is of twentieth century colonial revival design.</p>	

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 11 Mar 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

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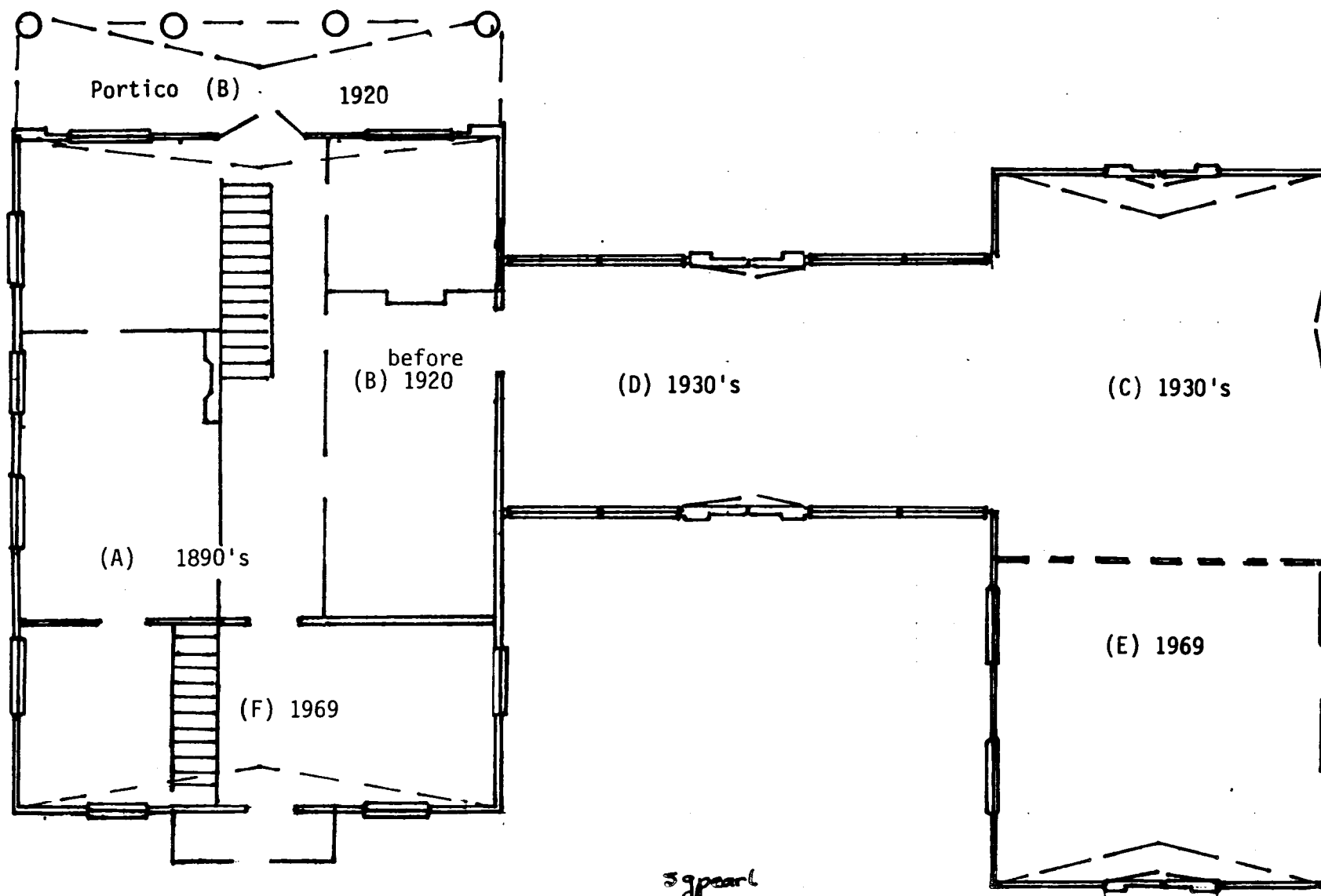
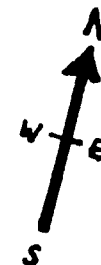
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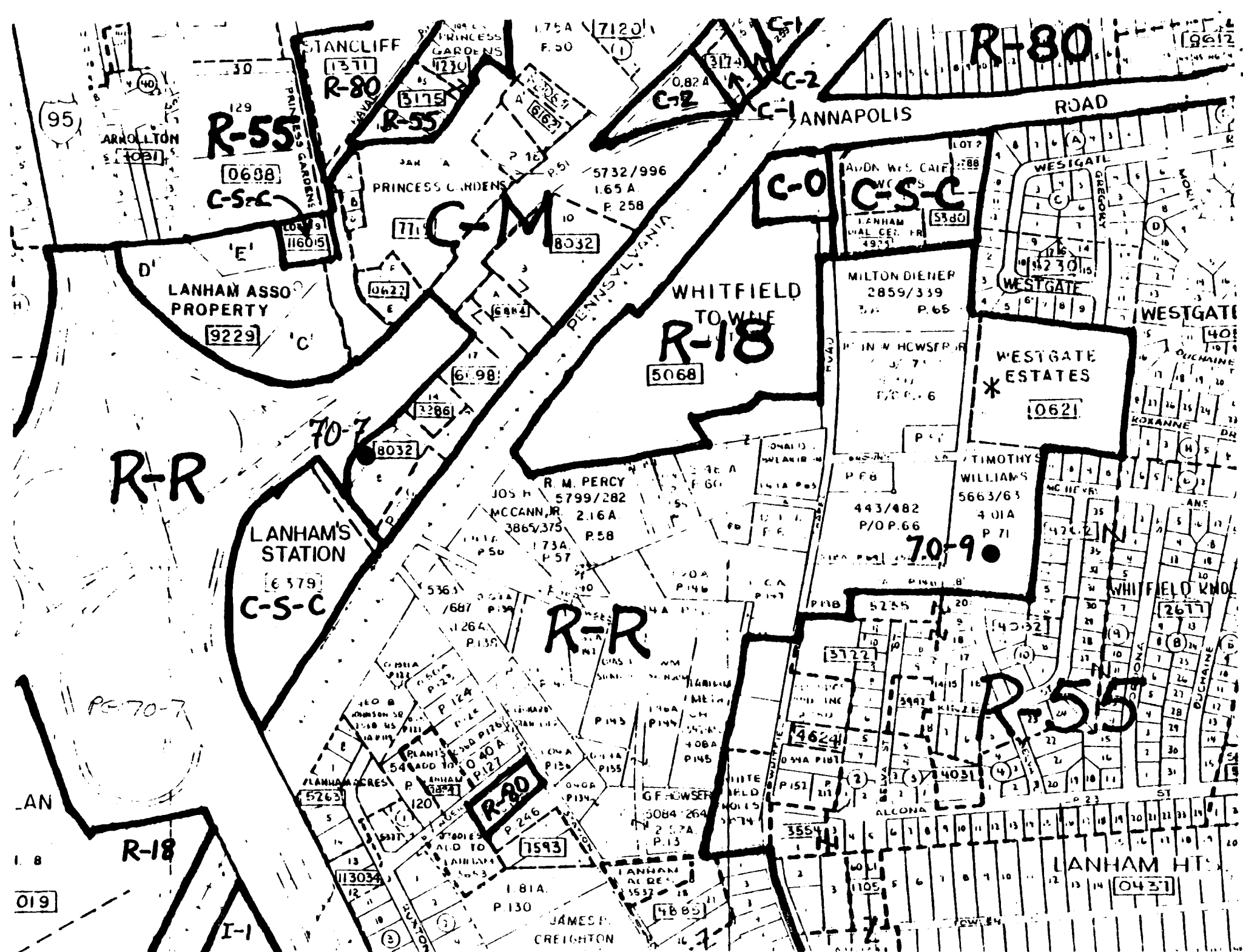
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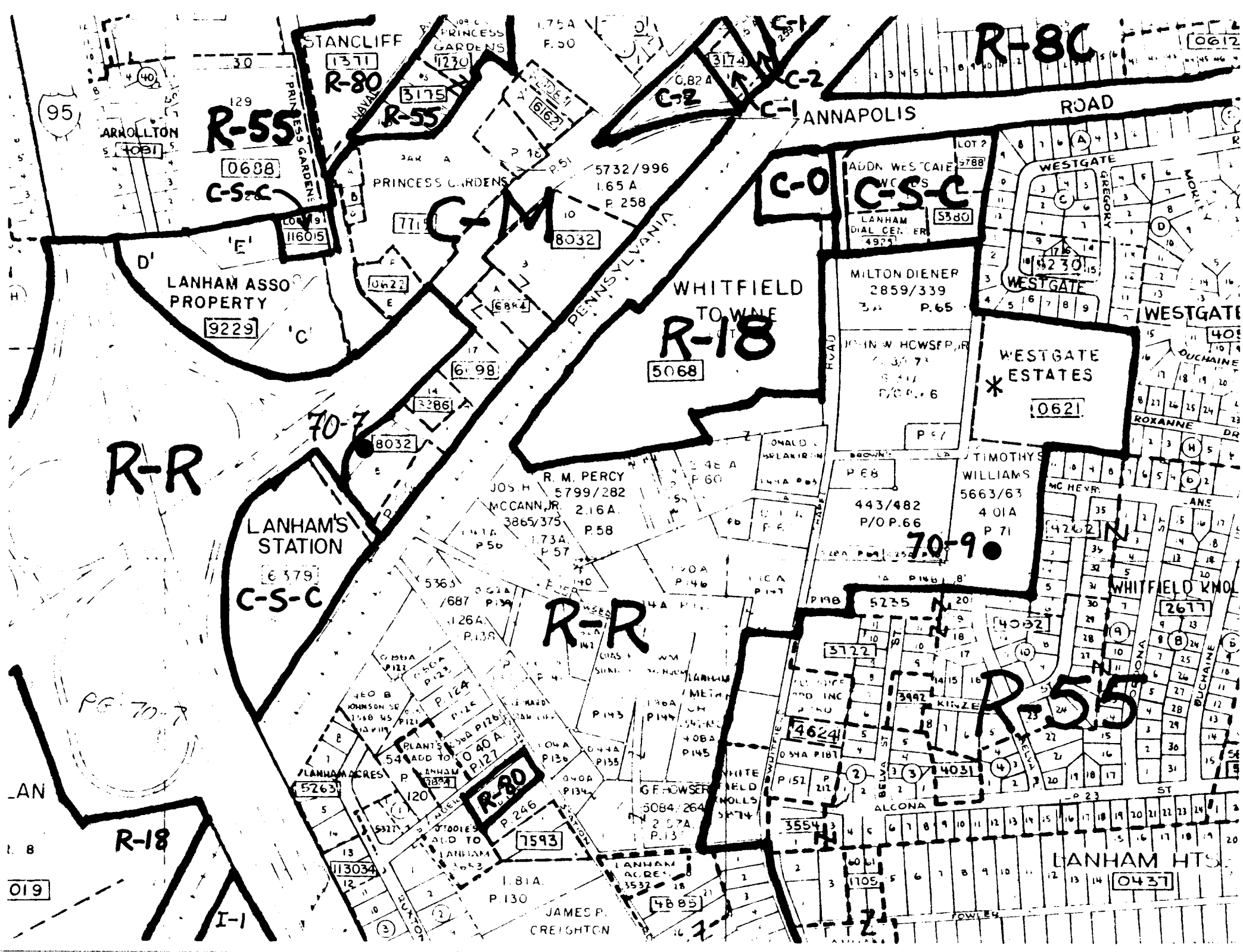
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